METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INFORMATION HYPERCHAIN MANAGEMENT FOR ON-DEMAND BUSINESS COLLABORATION

Abstract of the Disclosure

Hyperchain information management techniques are provided for use in applications
5   such as on-demand business collaboration. In accordance with such techniques, a
hyperchain annotation methodology is provided. Such an annotation methodology enables
interaction between loosely-coupled business processes or interacting partners and business
entities. Annotated information components and process components for collaboration may be
expressed as links. Further, techniques for realizing an on-demand message exchange,
10   embedded status/state information, flexible collaborative business message exchange patterns,
and a collaborative directory are provided.